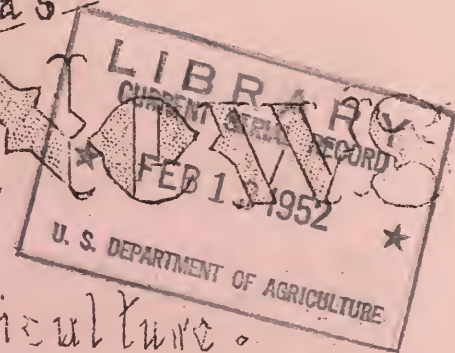


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Dallas, Texas.

It's A Texas Fact!

James L. Hyles Awarded Certificate of Merit For 1952.

Texas is famed and fabled for its beautiful women. Nowhere else in all the world do you find them in such luscious, eye-teasing profusion. Nowhere except in Texas do they grow in such full, voluptuous splendor. It is taken for granted when a baby girl is born in Texas that she will grow into a stunningly-beautiful, ineffably sweet, NATURALLY LOVE-
LY, Woman.

Makers of beauty preparations find hard going in Texas. Recently one manufacturer tried to boost sales of its beauty lotion by offering a Cadillac for each box top turned in by purchasers. The beauty preparation didn't begin to move off dealers shelves and Cadillacs from dealers showrooms until the manufacturer offered to fill up the tanks with gasoline.

Naturally, Texas is a poet's paradise. Here he finds ineluctable
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The Board of Directors of the USDA Club of Dallas unanimously selected Mr. James L. (Jimmy) Hyles as the "Man of the Year" for his outstanding contribution to the Club through his editorship of the USDA Club News.

In addition to his many contributions to the USDA Club through the promotion of USDA parties and the coverage of the news, he has also been very active and helpful in promoting employee morale and welfare in the office of FHA. He is a capable photographer and news reporter. Jimmy can always be depended on to supply a novel approach to any subject that is open for discussion, and his reasoning is usually reliable and thought-provoking. Jimmy has earned the honor that was bestowed on him by hard

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USDA Club Hears Orr N. Spung

Encouraged by a lot of familiar faces from his own FHA Area Finance Office, as well as a flattering turnout from PMA and other USDA agencies, Orr N. Spung as guest speaker at the regular meeting of the USDA Club Board of Directors told about his job as Finance Manager for Area 3. He prefaced his remarks with a well-turned joke but since we have not used a single joke in this family publication since becoming editor a year ago we refuse to break precedence and print it even for our boss (Of course it was printable!) (See page 4, please)

Merry Christmas

Retiring Officers of USDA

Club Worked Hard During 1952

Most of us in USDA have but a dim idea of the behind-the-scenes activity necessary to bring each of us the many benefits we have enjoyed this past year. Benefits and pleasures coming from using the many substantial discounts on merchandise, and from attending USDA parties and picnics, and speakings. Billy Cox (and the former Miss Fae Ray) and the Employee Welfare Committee was very active and effective in bringing attractive discounts and other benefits to USDA members; Lee Pierson and his Committee on Personal Acquaintance and Arrangements worked long hours to make all the enjoyable social events we attended a success. Wendell Pickering's Work of the Department Committee was just that: a workhorse committee. Picking those Member-of-the-Month nominees for the Board of Directors to vote on took time and effort, and deep study of the merits of those put forth for the awards. The USDA Directory was a mammoth task in itself. "Pick" took over in mid-year after Verlon Twaddell resigned his Department job. Incidentally we've had a story in our file for months regarding Mr. Pickering and his committee which we have kept on a sort of "pending" status. Rector Meyer's Training and Education Committee were busy on several worthwhile projects during the year. "RB" was one of the most faithful "attenders" of USDA Club meetings. Despite the fact that the Certificate of Merit Committee is a "one shot" committee charged with the year-end task of selecting the "Member of the Year" it has had, perhaps, the hardest job of all. There was a wealth of worthy contenders for the honor and it must have occasioned the committee and Chairman John J. Slaughter many a headache pondering over the ultimate choice. That they finally chose this editor from the field should not reflect on them. Perhaps "Smoke got in their eyes"! (That has always been my favorite song!) We do thank them for the honor, and the Board of Directors who confirmed it and hereby express our deepest gratitude to the many USDA members and friends who have helped make our editor's job such a pleasure. I should especially like to mention every member of my own Correlation and Public Service Committee for their help and cooperation: Helen Quisenberry, Beatrice Harrelson, Carl Gallagher, Mildred Williams, Dr. F.E. Wilson, Edgar Pewitt, David M. Wells, James Phillips, Earl Heavrin, Mildred Yeager, Ozelle Waller, Paul Phillips and John Poindexter. A special kudo goes to the Board of Directors, the Advisory Board, and President John Bolish, First Mates Max Ulery, Virginia Johns, and Evelyn Weedin for steering a safe course through 1952 at the helm of good ship "USDA CLUB".

Accolade!

We have a man within our midst
Who merits our acclaim,
His contribution to the Club
In '52 was plain!

You saw it every single month
You laughed at "Texas Facts"
Your copy of the NEWS was paid
To all your friends and back

He added sparkle to the NEWS-
You chuckled at his wit!
So, Jimmy, we are proud to say
You really did your bit!

The Certificate of Merit
Is awarded once a year,
And JIMMY HYLES is the name
Appearing there this year!

By Evelyn E. Weedin

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Thanks, Honey! The only reason this didn't land in the "GEMS" space is because you picked such a poor subject. But don't you feel too bad! It sure qualifies as "Jim's Gem"! Incidentally, a gentle slap on our charming-USDA Club Secretary's wrist for having hidden such poetry talent behind a note-book!

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O H , I S E A !

Last month we said there were 17 seas and 4 oceans in our "Did You Know" space. We were called down from all directions. Rowena Fulton, Bill Scheulen, Jim Sutton and John Ellis from FHA Area Finance came back with a list of 5 oceans and 24 seas; Evelyn Weedin and Victoria Sneed, of PMA, Food Distribution Program, discovered 25 seas. We have since embarked on a voyage of exploration and added 4 more making it total 32. But we don't guarantee 'em!

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JAMES L. (Jimmy) HYLES,
EDITOR.

New Officers To Be Installed.

At the last meeting of the USDA Club Board of Directors William F. Farrell, chairman of the Nominating Committee, proposed the following slate of officers for 1953:

PRESIDENT, Howard Martin, FHA Area Finance Office;
1st Vice President, Fred Faust, Office of Solicitor
2nd Vice President, Rector B. Meyer, PMA Commod. Off.
Treasurer, Virginia L. Johns, PMA Office of Audit.
Secretary, Helen C. Parks, FHA Area Finance Office

Their election was unanimous and installation ceremonies will be held at the next regular meeting of the Board January 14 at 912 S. Ervay. Luncheon in the cafeteria, business meeting in the FHA conference room, 5th floor. Both outgoing and incoming officers and chairmen of committees are urged to be present.

LATEST EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION AWARD WINNERS NAMED

Thelma T. Laney, PMA Audit office employee, was recently given a Certificate of Merit denoting superior accomplishment in her work and carrying an increase in salary. Since this is one of the highest award available in the program Thelma is due sincere congratulations. Other PMA employees receiving awards are Doris L. Crowley and Dudley Glass, both PMA Commodity Office, and Bennett H. Stampes, now resigned, whose substantial check for \$120.00 came at the right time. (As if it could possibly come at the wrong time) FHA Employees named are: Max Ulery, Area ASD Chief, sharing an efficiency and cash award with Jimmy Forsythe for better property control; Lester F. Hatch, Bill May, and Jimmy Shields, for suggestions improving work procedure. Frederick L. R. Hill should have been included in the PMA Listings. He works in Area Personnel. *****

IT'S A TEXAS FACT! (From page 1)...
inspiration for his panegyric paens of praise to feminine loveliness. Naturally Texas girls inspired these excerpts: (From "Adoration")

By all the magic that makes hearts sing,
This I know is true:
In all the world no lovely thing
Could ever compare with You!

(From "I Met Her Down In Texas!")

If I should live forever, I don't believe I'd see
Another one so lovely--so wonderful--as she!

(And from "Belencita!")

Down by the Rio Grande, a lovely girl I met--
The fairest in the land--the One I can't forget:
I never dreamed I'd ever meet a lovely girl so
wondrous sweet

Texas doesn't have a "corner" on beautiful women
but it's a Texas Fact. Texas does have everything else
"sweved up" but a tiny corner shared by the rest
of the world.

Frankly, we don't feel at home out there on the front page. Our good friends put us there. They even wrote the story for us when we intimated that Ole Santa was going to push the story to page 2. (Thanks, John, Evelyn, and Margaret!)

They've drawn a very fine portrait but it isn't authentic without a few shadows to modify their highlights. We add them:
Number one: When Jack Dempsey was kingpin we aspired to his toga and all went well until that sixth round when we forgot to duck, and landed in a woman's lap 3rd row ringside. It was the hardest punch and softest lap we ever fell into!

Shadow number two: It also has to do with our trait of forgetfulness! During the world fuss no. 2 we were "preflighting" out ship, "Miss Behave". Revving the engines to full throttle for the final check on mercury pressure the big bomber jumped her chock blocks and took off down the runway with her tail up. We barely stopped her before becoming airborne. We had forgotten to pump up the brakes before setting them. But we know we won't forget the warm feeling around the heart this "Man of the Year" award gives!

THE USDA PARTY WAS A GRAND
SUCCESS! WERE YOU THERE?

USDA CLUB HEARS O. N. SPUNG (Cont'd from 1)

Mr. Spung put his hearers at ease by confessing that probably half the folks in the Area Office could do better at it than he could in telling about his job, as they knew more about it than he. He then refuted such gentle sarcasm by quoting finger-tip facts that showed he has a grasp of his job as well as a love for the good it is accomplishing for farm folk.

He told how FFA and its predecessor agencies had loaned out over 2 billion, 500 million dollars to farmers for subsistence, production, and operating, for building or improving farm homes and other construction, for buying or enlarging farms into economic units, for improving water facilities, and to help farmers through floods, drouths, windstorms, and other disasters.

He pointed out that of this amount there is now outstanding a total of 600 million dollars but not all of it is due at this time. Mr. Spung added that the Congress authorized FFA to borrow from the Treasury for fiscal year 1952 the sum of 155 million dollars. Most of this has been encumbered he said, and noted that his Area Office loan section recently had a "million dollar day" in approved loans. Mr. Spung closed his remarks by saying, "I don't think you are interested in these figures so much as you are in the effects of them in making a contribution to an easier, a more full and useful life for the farmer. I know I'm interested in what you and your agency is doing, just as I'm sure you want to know about us. I think the USDA Club isn't doing its full duty unless it helps bring about a better knowledge and understanding of all the work each of us in the Department is doing!"

"MAN OF THE YEAR" AWARD...(Cont'd from page 1)

work and devotion beyond the call of duty. When informed that he was selected the "Man of the Year" Jimmy was overwhelmed, and shyly and humbly acknowledged his appreciation.

Jimmy came to the Department of Agriculture with the Farm Security Administration (now Farmers Home Administration) in September 1937 and has worked continuously since that time with the exception of three years spent serving our country during World War II.

He was graduated from Alvarado High School, Alvarado Texas, and attended Bryan Evening School, Dallas, Texas, where he studied business English and typing. He held membership in the International Printing Pressman's Union from 1926 to 1929. He's very active in the Facts Forum in Dallas and is constantly winning contests for editorials submitted. One recently appeared in a Dallas newspaper prior to the National Election which urged everyone to vote.

THE NEWS
You Belong to Me!

You belong to me,
I belong to you;
It was meant to be
When the world was new!

It was fore-ordained
By the God above:
I would be enchained
By your precious love!

Beauty will not fade
Tho the Heavens fall;
What my Lord has made
Is loveliest of all!

All the ages through--
Through Eternity--
I'll belong to you,
You'll belong to me!
(revised by the edit

THE IDEAL MARRIAGE IS
WHEN TWO BECOME ONE!

MARRIAGE--IT TAKES TWO TO
MAKE IT, ONE TO BREAK IT!

PLENTIFUL FOODS FOR DECEMBER
JANUARY LISTED

FMA's Food Distribution Branch announce that for the year-end and the New Year there will be plenty of oranges, tangerines, raisins, pork, and pork products. These are in "extra-plentiful" supply.

Other foods listed are:
Eggs, honey, almonds, lard, walnuts, salad oils, grapefruit, cottage cheese, cabbage, filberts, buttermilk, turkeys, ocean perch, frozen fillets of cod, and figs.